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their way to fix a time-limit within which the answers to the questions emerging from the Assembly should be given by the department concerned?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May I know, Sir, what the hon. Member is referring to? I am sorry I have not been following him."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member says that he gave notice of his question in April 1953 and that the answer is given only now. So, he wants to know the reasons for the delay."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I may inform the hon. Member that the question has been marked for me also. At the time when the question was given notice of, I was in charge of Planning. So, a statement has been prepared and placed on the table of the House. The delay is due to causes inherent in the question itself. When a very comprehensive question like question No. 306 is put, delay may naturally be expected. I shall read the question, Sir. The hon. Member wants to know—

'(*a*) the names in the case of non-official and the designation in the case of official personnel of Tiruchirappalli District Planning Board;

(*b*) the ameliorative and development works recommended by the Board of Udayarpalayam taluk for the first Five-Year Plan; and

(*c*) whether the Government will place a copy of the rules governing the constitution of these Planning Boards on the table of the House.'

Naturally, all inguiries take time."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" A simple perusal of the answer given will convince anyone that there need be no time at all to answer this question. But I do not want to dilate upon that. I only want that a time-limit should be fixed within which answers to questions emerging from the Assembly should come from any department whatsoever."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A suggestion is made, Sir. I take it that it is a suggestion and not a supplementary question. But I might suggest also that when an answer gets ready but the House gets prorogued, the question has to be taken up only at the next session."

MR. SPEAKER :—" There are only ten minutes more left for questions and I have to cover the remaining questions within that time. I therefore pass on to the next question."

Multi-purpose co-operative societies in South Kanara.

• 307 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of multi-purpose co-operative socities registered so far in South Kanara district,

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(*b*) the total amount of share capital collected; and

(*c*) the number of societies working with share capital of less than rupees one thousand each?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) 21.

" (*b*) Rs. 22,222.

" (*c*) 14."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is it the policy of the Government to encourage the fixation of such heavy sums as share capital in co-operative societies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that the Government have issued orders that no society with a share capital of less than a thousand rupees should be registered? If so, will they reconsider their decision and instruct the authorities concerned that societies with a share capital of Rs. 250 each may be registered? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" This is a supplementary question which has nothing to do with the original question. I would, therefore, request the hon. Member to give notice of a separate question."

Starvation deaths in Palghat town.

* 308 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received reports of starvation deaths (*Desabhimani*, dated 7th August 1953) in Palghat town;

(*b*) whether the Government have received reports from the district authorities of Malabar regarding the influx of destitutes from Malabar to Tamil Nad and from Tamil Nad to Malabar; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken to resettle these people in their home districts?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (*a*) The Government have perused the news report which appeared in the *Desabhimani*, dated 8th August 1953. The exact cause of the death which occurred in the Big Bazaar at Palghat is not known. The other death which occurred in front of the Post office is said to be of a beggar from Tamil Nad and that it was due to paralysis and old age and not due to starvation. It is reported that the allegation that instances of starvation deaths are quite common in Palghat town is unfounded.

" (*b*) The Government have received reports that there has been no migration of destitutes from the Malabar district into Tamil Nad but that there is some migration of beggars from Tamil Nad especially from the Coimbatore district into the Malabar district.